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A decree of 7 December 1948 issued by the Military Junta in Venezuela dissolved the Accion Democratica (AD) Party, closed its headquarters, and suppressed its mediums of propaganda. The Provisional Government claims to have in its possession documents, reportedly signed by Romulo Betancourt, leader of the AD Party, which directed the people to loot, burn, destroy, and kill, if necessary, in a counterattack against a military coup.

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Comment. There are definite indications that the Military Junta is preparing a public statement against the AD Party, showing evidence of graft, maladministration, and an extreme leftist economic socialization of the country.

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